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Claim 9. A controlled release pharmaceutical delivery device which provides sustained or pulsatile delivery of a selected pharmaceutically active substance for a predetermined period of time, said device comprising;

- about 1 to less than 50% by weight of a mixture of hydroxyethylcellulose and hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose;
- about 1 to 60% by weight of ethylcellulose;
- about 1 to 80% by weight of at least one Carbopol® resin;
- about 0<10% by weight of talc;
- about 0<10% by weight of magnesium stearate; and
- about 0<95% by weight granulating and tableting aids,

wherein said hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose, ethylcellulose, Carbopol resin, talc, magnesium stearate and granulating and tableting aid are provided as a matrix.

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Claim 23. A pharmaceutical composition comprising;

- about 1 to 80% by weight pharmaceutically active agent;
- about 1 to 50% by weight of polymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with polyalkenyl alcohols or divinyl alchohol; and
- about 1 to 75% by weight of a mixture of hydroxyethyl cellulose and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose; wherein said polymers of acrylic acid, hydroxyethyl cellulose and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose are provided as a matrix.

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Claim 30. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

- about 1 to 80% pharmaceutically active agent;
- about 1 to 60% by weight of hydroxyethylcellulose;
- about 1 to 75% by weight of hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose;
- about 1 to 60% by weight of ethylcellulose;
- about 1 to 50% by weight of at least one Carbopol® resin;
- about 0< 10% by weight of talc;
- about 0< 10% by weight of magnesium stearate; and
- about 0< 95% by weight granulating and tableting aids.

Claim 32. A controlled release pharmaceutical delivery device which provides sustained or pulsatile delivery of a selected pharmaceutically active substance for a predetermined period of time, said device comprising;

- about 1-50% by weight polymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with polyalkenyl alcohols or divinyl alchohol;

- about 1 to 75% by weight of a mixture of hydroxyethyl cellulose and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose; wherein said polymers of acrylic acid, hydroxyethyl cellulose and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose are provided as a matrix;

- about 0.5 to 50% by weight of a coating material coating said matrix, said coating material comprising anionic polymers based on methacrylic acid and methacrylic acid esters or neutral methacrylic acid esters with trimethylammonioethyl methacrylate chloride or cellulose esters.

Claim 33. A pharmaceutical composition comprising;

- about 1 to 80% by weight pharmaceutically active agent;

- about 1 to 50% by weight polymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with polyalkenyl alcohols or divinyl alchohol;

- about 1 to 75% by weight of a mixture of hydroxyethyl cellulose and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose; wherein said polymers of acrylic acid, hydroxyethyl cellulose and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose are provided as a matrix; and

- about 0.5 to 50% by weight of a coating material coating said matrix, said coating material comprising anionic polymers based on methacrylic acid and methacrylic acid esters or neutral methacrylic acid esters with trimethylammonioethyl methacrylate chloride or cellulose esters.

Remarks

Claims 1, 4, 7-12, 23 and 28-33 are before the Examiner. Claims 1, 8, 9, 23, 30, 32 and 33 are amended. The claims have been amended in order not to include zero as the lower limitation for some of the ingredients recited therein and to further recite that the ingredients are provided together as a matrix. These amendments are supported by the description for example on pages 4-6.

The Examiner's remarks in the Office Action are addressed below.